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In re Application of: :
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Robert CAMPBELL et al. : Group Art Unit: TBA
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Divisional of Serial No. 09/359,260 : Examiner: TBA
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Filed: 5 March 2002 : Attn: Special Program Examiner
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For: METHODS, APPARATUS AND COMPU- :
: TER PROGRAM PRODUCTS FOR :
: FORMULATING CULTURE MEDIA :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to prosecution on the merits, kindly amend the following claims:

16. (Amended) A culture medium component identified by a method comprising the steps of:

measuring first indicia of a property of a plurality of first culture media which each contains a respective first test compound from within a first test library;
determining a relationship between at least one parameter of the first test compound and the measured first indicia of the property of the plurality of first culture media;
determining a test requirement relating to the measured first indicia; and
identifying a second test library containing a plurality of second test compounds as components of a plurality of second culture media which is based on the relationship are expected to provide second indicia of the property which meets the test requirement.